

## ARTICLE IV.

The signatory Powers recognize the practical impossibility of using submarines as commerce-destroyers without violating, as they were violated in the recent war of 1914–1918, the requirements universally accepted by civilized nations for the protection of the lives of neutrals and non-combatants, and, to the end that the prohibition of the use of submarines as commerce-destroyers shall be universally accepted as a part of the law of nations, they now accept that prohibition as henceforth binding as between themselves, and they invite all other nations to adhere thereto.

## ARTICLE V.

The use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous, or other gases, and all analogous liquids, materials, or devices, having been justly condemned by the general opinion of the civilized world, and a prohibition of such use having been declared in treaties to which a majority of the civilized Powers are parties, the signatory Powers, to the end that this prohibition shall be universally accepted as a part of international law, binding alike the conscience and practice of nations, declare their assent to such prohibition, agree to be bound thereby as between themselves, and invite all other civilized nations to adhere thereto.

## ARTICLE VI.

The present Treaty shall be ratified as soon as possible in accordance with the constitutional methods of the signatory Powers, and shall take effect on the deposit of all the ratifications, which shall take place at Washington.

The Government of the United States will transmit to all signatory Powers a certified copy of the *procès-verbal* of the deposit of ratifications.

The present Treaty, of which the French and English texts are both authentic, shall remain deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States, and duly certified copies thereof will be transmitted by that Government to each of the signatory Powers.

## ARTICLE VII.

The Government of the United States will further transmit to each of the non-signatory Powers a duly certified copy of the present Treaty, and invite its adherence thereto.

Any non-signatory Power may adhere to the present Treaty by communicating an Instrument of Adherence to the Government of the United States, which will thereupon transmit to each of the signatory and adhering Powers a certified copy of each Instrument of Adherence.

In faith whereof the above-named Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Treaty.

Done at the City of Washington, the sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES. [L.S.]	ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR. [L.S.]
HENRY CABOT LODGE. [L.S.]	V. S. SRINIVASA SASTRI. [L.S.]
OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD. [L.S.]	A. SARRAUT. [L.S.]
ELIHU ROOT. [L.S.]	JUSSERAND. [L.S.]
ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR. [L.S.]	CARLO SCHANZER. [L.S.]
LEE OF FAREHAM [L.S.]	V. ROLANDI RICCI. [L.S.]
A. C. GEDDES. [L.S.]	LUIGI ALBERTINI. [L.S.]
R. L. BORDEN. [L.S.]	T. KATO. [L.S.]
G. F. PEARCE. [L.S.]	K. SHIDEHARA. [L.S.]
JOHN W. SALMOND. [L.S.]	M. HANIHARA. [L.S.]

### III. Treaty between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, and Portugal, with regard to China.

*Signed at Washington, 6th February, 1922.*

The United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, and Portugal, desiring to adopt a policy designed to stabilize conditions in the Far East, to safeguard the rights and interests of China, and to promote intercourse between China and the other Powers upon the basis of equality of opportunity, have resolved to conclude a Treaty for that purpose, and to that end have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries—

The President of the United States of America :

Charles Evans Hughes,	} Citizens of the United States :
Henry Cabot Lodge,	
Oscar W. Underwood,	
Elihu Root,	

His Majesty the King of the Belgians :

Baron de Cartier de Marchienne, Commander of the Order of Leopold and of the Order of the Crown, His Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Washington :

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India :

The Right Honourable Arthur James Balfour, O.M., M.P., Lord President of His Privy Council :

The Right Honourable Baron Lee of Fareham, G.B.E., K.C.B., First Lord of His Admiralty :

The Right Honourable Sir Auckland Campbell Geddes, K.C.B., His Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America :

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